

Information session on **FAIR-IMPACT** **Support Programme for Repositories and** **Data Service Providers** - Public Notes

Tuesday 29 August 2023 15:00 – 16:00 CEST

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Agenda

15:00-15:15	Welcome and overview of the FAIR-IMPACT project
15:15-15:30	Overview of the Repositories and Data Service Providers support program
15:30-15:40	Overview of the application and evaluation process
15:40-15:55	Interactive Q&A
15:55-16:00	Wrap up and next steps

Q&A questions

Do you have any questions that you would like to see answered during the Q&A session in the workshop? Feel free to leave them here so we can address them:

- What would be your idea of FAIR activities?
 - Answer: It can be a very wide and mixed view, anything that promotes the implementation, understanding, or awareness of FAIR. For a repository or data service, this can be training, implementing FAIR Principles in your workflows, or taking part in initiatives to broaden or further develop these topics.
- where to find explanations/support on FAIR as mentioned during the Slido questions on 'where are you in FAIR' (don't know what it means — to active supporter EOSC)? Add this in the recordings?
 - Answer: Actively supporting EOSC is one of the purposes of FAIR-IMPACT, at its core it means being ready to engage with the EOSC and implement their requirements / rules of participation. The goal is to advance the goals of EOSC and including more players there
- I am wondering about the relationship between this call and the one presented yesterday for RPOs. Marjan commented that this call is more suitable for organizations that are at the beginning of their FAIR journey. I can't help but interpret that your suggested route to FAIR-enablement at an organization is starting with repositories and FAIRness of digital objects and then moving on to an organizational FAIR ecosystem. Is this something you would agree with or could you elaborate?
 - Answer: All these three calls are aimed at more beginning organisations, but this call is for Repositories as opposed to RPOs.
 - There are of course RPOs that also host a Repository - which programme to apply for?
 - This depends on the kind of action plan you would like to implement. Do you want to focus more on your RPO or Repository side of the organisation?
 - I think the best idea to choose the best programme to meet your needs as we realise that many applicants may actually be able to say that they are national level initiatives, RPOs and repository service providers :)
- Will this support program for repositories also include sharing expertise on technical aspects of implementing FAIR implementation actions?
 - Answer: We will certainly try to provide expertise on this, but we won't have developers in the support team to work hands-on on code, for example. So it will be a bit more of a higher level consultancy and peer exchange.
- I'm wondering about ItoI support: How does it work? Meetings? Working sessions? How often? And who are the experts?
 - Answer: We will figure this out together with the participants. We will match up the support team to each participant and these

“support-matches” will figure out their preferred way of contact. The FAIR-IMPACT support team will exchange the things brought up by their participants together, and if common topics emerge this might lead to extra group-workshops. The frequency and format of the contact with the mentor will be needs-be-basis and depending on the participant. There will not be a standard frequency or number of contact, it is up to the participant to indicate when they need what kind of support

- If you have received support under the 1st Open Call are you still eligible to apply for this and subsequent calls?
 - Answer: Yes, you are free to apply to any of the FAIR-IMPACT calls. There is no increased chance of acceptance (or rejection for that matter) based on how many applications you submit. We make sure we get a good balanced spread of participants that we support. The application forms should not differ too much between programmes, so applying again shouldn't be too much effort.

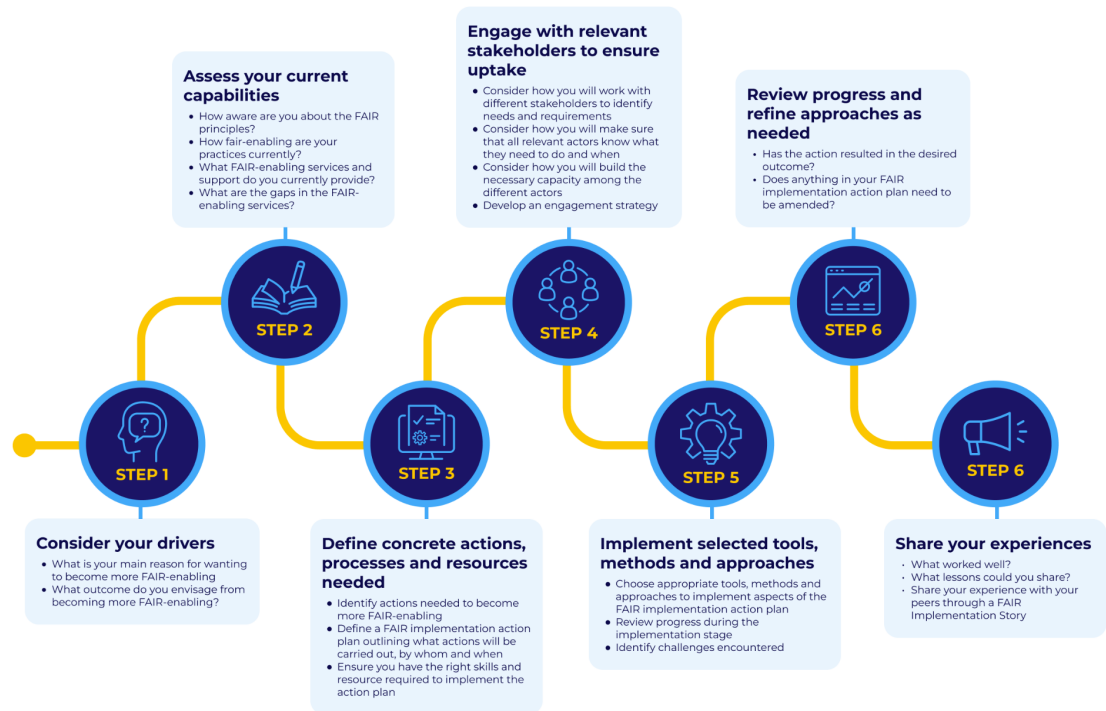
Notes

Welcome and overview of the FAIR-IMPACT project

- This session will be recorded, and the workshop materials (recording and slides) will be made available through the FAIR-IMPACT Zenodo community and website.
- This open call for support is an effort by the FAIR-IMPACT project, which consists of a wide group of partners (<https://fair-impact.eu/>)
- The main ambition of FAIR-IMPACT is to support the implementation of FAIR-Enabling practices across scientific communities
- Tell us something about yourself! <https://www.slido.com/> Enter code: **4294369**

Overview of the Repositories and Data Service Providers support program

- FAIR-IMPACT carries out three different types of support activities throughout the project. There have been calls for financial support actions (Route 2), and there will be open FAIR Implementation Workshops (Route 3). The support programmes opening this week focus on dedicated support in the format of time and expertise from the FAIR-IMPACT support team (Route 1)
- The steps of the support programme:



- The programme will involve the development of an action plan and engagement plan, that you will develop with the support of the FAIR-IMPACT support team, where you will gain knowledge and tools to use or implement. The programme will also consist of peer learning, where you get the opportunity to exchange ideas and knowledge with other programme participants
- There will be workshops for the entire group of participants, but also one-to-one support by FAIR-IMPACT mentors, who will be available for all your personally specific questions and considerations
- The programme will include some tools that can support you in becoming more FAIR-enabling. During the programme, you will be able to learn more about and apply those tools that are relevant to your intended action plan (tools on FAIR policies, on making resources more FAIR, on certification, or EOSC readiness, etc)
- **Note:** Because the action plan might cover several different areas of expertise or work, we encourage you to apply for the programme in small teams that cover different areas together
- **Note:** This support programme is aimed at organisations that are less advanced in their FAIR-enabling qualities. This will be taken into account when the applications are evaluated.
- The actual support programme will start in January 2024 and last for 9 months (until September). The programme will consist of several workshops, and time for independent work in between. In these periods, your mentors will be available for you to contact whenever you need this.
- Expectations of participants:

- Attend all workshops (online)
- Carry out the assigned/expected work in between workshops and throughout the programme
- Willingness to act on the action plan you develop
- Engagement in an exit interview and the creation of a FAIR Implementation Story
- Engagement in a later follow-up (6-12 months later)
- **Note:** Applicants must reside and/or work in an EU or Associated Country for the duration of the support received

Overview of the application and evaluation process

- Step 1: Access the open calls on the [Grants Platform](#)
 - You will need to create an account on the FAIR-IMPACT website first to gain access to this platform
 - You can apply to this call from **30 August - 1 November**
- Step 2: Select the support offer you wish to apply for (the one for Repositories and Data Service Providers is #4)
- Step 3: Fill in the application form
 - You can keep your application in draft until you are ready to submit to gather all relevant information and answers
- Step 4: Your application will be reviewed by three independent reviewers. Their scores will be compared and discussed until a consensus view is reached on each application.
- Step 5: You will be notified on whether your application was accepted or rejected.
 - The support programme will run again later on in the project lifetime. If you were rejected this round, you can apply again in the next round.
- What are we looking for in applications?
 - Provide a link to the repository, registry or other data service
 - Describe the areas of expertise of max. 3 team members (policy/ target community/ back-end etc.)
 - the current FAIR level of service provision of the organisation (drop-down list);
 - challenges that you are experiencing in making the service more FAIR-enabling (max. 200 words);
 - the way you will ensure that the knowledge gained through participation in this support programme will be shared with relevant peers in your service.

- Note: a key aim for FAIR-IMPACT is to prioritise support for organisations, groups, and/or individuals based in countries or representing domains that are currently less advanced in terms of their FAIR-enabling capacity.

Interactive Q&A

- See the [Q&A questions section](#) for questions already collected

Wrap up and next steps

- Timeline:
 - The call launches tomorrow!
 - Deadline for applying is November 1
 - Notifications of acceptance will come in December
 - The programme will start in January 2024 (and run until September 2024)
- Contact about open calls: opencalls@fair-impact.eu

Feedback

Please share your thoughts about this workshop and/or the support program with us - anything goes!

- I thought today's workshop provided clear information and answers to questions. Maybe it would be nice if the announcements for these calls were done a bit earlier so that organisations can plan ahead a bit better.
- It answers to my questions, very useful to have direct contact with people involved in the support, thanks a lot! Maybe more knowledge on the experts mentioned would be great.
 - *Answer to part: We will establish the exact expertise and support we bring in to the programme based on the needs of the participants. Our team has a varied expertise on some of the tools and processes, and we will try to use our networks etc. to bring on more expertise where needed, or communicate the boundaries of it when we get to it*